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As several Letters, that have been publish'd in this Paper, from Heli, *the* Turkish Traveller, *to his Oriental Correspondents, have met with a very favourable Reception from my Readers, I make no Apology for introducing him into their Company again, in hope he will prove as agreeable as before.*

HELI, *the* Turkish Traveller, *to* OSMYN, *Governor of the royal Pages at the* Seraglio.

I Neither envy nor congratulate thy Promotion to thy new Employment; tho' no Man living deserv'd it more, or is better qualified to fill it with Honour: The forming, educating, and governing Youth is one of the most difficult Tasks in the Universe; and requires the greatest Delicacy and Strength of Mind to perform it as it ought. Nothing less than a great Genius ought to undertake it, and such are always the most averse to the Toil. He that has the most Knowledge in himself, has the most to communicate to others, and he that commands his own Passions best, will have the strongest Influence on those of others. But he who knows most complains of his own Ignorance, and he who conquers his Passions has Labour enough upon his Hands to render his Victory secure. For these Reasons I pity thee, tho' I congratulate thy Pupils: Thy Cares will be infinitely multiplied, as well as thy Honour. Nothing but the Success of thy Precepts can afford thee an Equivalent, and that thou wilt find one of the most precarious Dependencies in Nature. In the Beginning 'tis exceedingly hard to pry into the Souls of Youth, and discover what is the particular Bent of Genius that each was design'd for; undoubtedly one Mind was meant only to be a Master in one Art or Science, and, if that is originally mistaken, 'tis half a Miracle if it attains to Excellence in any other. Here therefore is one great Difficulty, and, if thou art lucky enough to surmount it, 'tis often attended with a Misfortune that is not in the Power of Man to foresee or prevent; the Dawn of Genius in Youth is as flattering as the Serenity of an *April* Morning, or the Bloom of a forward Flower; 'tis seen and wonder'd at one Moment, and lost irrevocably in the next; Clouds and Darkness obscure it, or 'tis nipp'd and wither'd before it arrives to Maturity: Believe me, *Osmyn*, many a surprizing Boy has prov'd a worthless Man; his whole Stock of Capacity has been lavish'd at once, and he becomes a Beggar in Knowledge, when we expected to see his Possessions establish'd for ever. Again, our present Laws of Education are so confounded and embarrass'd, that 'tis, with infinite Difficulty, we make any Progress at all; neither is it allow'd even to thy superior Genius to break thro' the Tyranny of Custom, or super-induce a Set of nobler Maxims on the Ruins of the Old; there is a certain superstitious Veneration in the Minds of Men for the Dictates of former Ages, and the wisest Innovation is too often the Ruin of the Inventor: 'Tis most certain that Youth at present are taught rather Words than Things, and the first Principles they imbibe are rather Prejudices than Truths, which 'tis the Business of their advanc'd Years to unlearn, in order to arrive at the Knowledge they had so long pursu'd in vain. 'Tis most fatal to trifle with the Elements of Learning, and yet 'tis most notorious that all the People in general both of *Asia* and *Europe* are in this deplorable Circumstance, and struggle with perplex'd Systems in their Childhood, that the oldest and wisest Heads are not able to explain. Instead of being taught to understand Truth, Wisdom, and Honour, in their early Days they are immers'd in Authorities and Forms, and are told 'tis a Crime to object to the Expediency or Infallibility of either. How shall Men become wise when they are first initiated into the Mysteries of Folly? Or how shall they grow virtuous or brave when they are left to themselves to find out what Bravery and Virtue mean? Certainly we should be inur'd to know and practise what is right betimes; we feel customary Ills are hardly to be cur'd, and 'tis to be presum'd that customary Virtues would be at least as unalienable as they: Simple Truths are easier to be understood than the Jargon we are now perplex'd with, and 'tis beyond Dispute they will be infinitely more serviceable. What I mean by simple Truths is this; to honour the eternal and immutable first Cause, and prefer their Country to all human Considerations; to be friendly and beneficent to all, and love themselves with Decency and Propriety, so as to covet only those Things which tend to Glory, and avoid whatever is base and infamous: Upon such Principles as these the Mind would grow habitually perfect; we should be familiar with right Reasoning, and Virtue would be the Result of all our Actions. Hope and Fear seem to be the Springs and Engines whereby this Point may be gain'd, and, by an artful Management of them, a wise Man would be surer of Success, than by the severest Punishments in the World. The Desire of Glory is to be sure an universal Passion, and Shame is dreaded as the greatest Evil: Both these are evident even from our present Circumstances, and 'tis easy to prove that their Influence would be abundantly more powerful, if they were made the Foundation of our Learning, and the Source of our Actions. I say not these Things to thee, in the Presumption that thou art not acquainted with them already, but only in hope they will merit thy Approbation, and, that thou wilt the sooner believe me, when I condole with thee on the present bad Estate of Education every where, and wish a Reformation.

But, suppose thou wert lucky enough to have none but ingenuous Minds under thy Tuition, and that they pursu'd thy sublime Dictates, without Deviation, thro' the intricate Paths of Knowledge; suppose they had attain'd the highest Excellencies that their Youth and Capacities were capable of, yet even then the hardest Part of thy Toil is still behind; 'tis far easier to make Men wise than honest, and Passion begins its Reign where Ignorance and Folly end theirs: The *Lybian* Lion is as easily tam'd as the mad Desire of Pleasure, and Precept is of little Effect where the Ear is deaf and the Judgment blind: The Force of Constitution exerts itself in the most violent Manner; we feel the *Stimulus* within, and, while we do, we are on the Rack, till we have indulg'd it. Some Passions perhaps may be tam'd, or alter'd into Virtues; Envy may be made Emulation, Anger reform'd into Courage, and Pride the Spur to every Grace and every Virtue: But what wilt thou do with Love, my Friend? Love enters into every Heart, and blends itself with every Constitution; 'tis the Passion we feel the last, and adore the most; it promises the most Pleasure, and, tho' 'tis attended with Pain, we had rather bear it than be cur'd: Here thou wilt find all thy Knowledge fruitless, and all thy Caution vain; Love is too subtle for Wisdom, and makes a Fool of Understanding: One fine Woman will undo in a Moment all the Toil of thy Life, and thy Pupil will prefer a Smile from her to all thy Reputation; so strong an Attraction there is in the two Sexes to each other, and so bewitching the Magick that impels their Union. I will not pretend to instruct thee on this delicate Subject, where even thy own superior Wisdom is vain, or venture to propose a Remedy, where the most accomplish'd Sages have fail'd: I remember a little Tale of the Santon *Selym* in *Arabia-Fœlix*, which I will relate to thee as of a Piece with the Subject, and then dismiss thee to thy Charge.——

Selym was blest with so sublime a Capacity, and had applied himself so diligently to the Study of the Sciences, that, before he was quite Eighteen, he surpass'd the wisest of his Masters, and had made himself perfect in all the Learning of the East; he seem'd devoted wholly to Study, and fond of no other Joy but that of Wisdom and Virtue; this gave him an early Reputation, which was greatly increas'd by his withdrawing from the World at once, in the Prime of his Youth, and amid the highest Expectation of Power, Pleasure, Riches, and Honour: He made a Cave in the Edge of a most delightful Valley his Retreat, he liv'd on the Fruits of the Earth, and drank the living Water of the Rock. Here he was rapt in Contemplation, and lost in Solitude; here he persu'd Truth thro' all its Mazes, stript Falshood of every Disguise, and became as wise as human Genius would allow. The Fame of so early a Retirement from the World, and the Wisdom of so young a Hermit, was soon spread thro' the neighbouring Provinces, and he was visited, consulted, and almost ador'd by the Inhabitants of all. Several of the Princes would have drawn him from his Desart, and tempted him into the World by the profuse Offers of all that was great and splendid in it; but he was superior to the Temptation, and sacrific'd every other View to that of Holiness and Virtue, insomuch that he was believ'd at last to be form'd without Passions, and that his Soul was fram'd of the same Essence with the Angels. In the Midst of this divine Disposition, while he was the Admiration and Wonder of the Orient, a young Shepherdess happened to pass by his Cave as he was ruminating on the most abstracted Points, and, for the first Time, diverted his Attention from the other World to fix it on this; the Girl pass'd carelessly on, and he remain'd perplex'd, confus'd, wond'ring at the Occasion, and half inclin'd to ask of her what he could not resolve himself. In this Situation he continued till the Morning, when the Shepherdess return'd, and gave him Pleasure now, as before she had given him Pain: She was young, innocent, and fair as the Daughters of Paradise. In short the Hermit had heard of Love, but never felt it before; he contemn'd it because he had never felt it, but when he did, it pour'd on him like a Torrent that had long been confin'd, and overflow'd every Faculty of his Soul at once: His Books were from this Moment neglected, he despis'd Study, hated Knowledge, and lov'd Solitude only because it was favourable to Love. Henceforward he laid aside the Philosopher, and commence'd the Gallant; he sung his Goddess Songs of his own Composing, and learn'd to play on the *Arabian Flute* to entertain her; he follow'd her like a Shadow, and lov'd her even more than his Fame; Envy and Slander were soon employ'd to his Prejudice, and he saw himself fall from Honour to Ignominy in a Moment; but, happy still in the Smiles of his Mistress, he made his Glory a Martyr to his Passion, and laugh'd at the Censure of the World. In a Word he gave up his darling Philosophy to his Pleasure, and boasted there was more Transport in the Conversation of his Belov'd, than in all the Charms of the Muses. Dear *Osmyn*, we are all like *Selym*, and only boast of Virtue before 'tis oppos'd to Love, when it is I am afraid the last will always be victorious, because the Dictate of Nature, and Nature will be obey'd.

SATURDAY, *July* 22.

YESTERDAY was held a General Council at *Kensington*, when the Report of the nine Malefactors now under Sentence of Death in *Newgate* was made to her Majesty, by the Deputy Recorder of this City, when the two following were order'd for Execution, *viz. Robert Element* and *Daniel Tipping*, and the other seven to be transported for 14 Years.

Last Night was closed the Ballot at the *York-Buildings* House, when the Question was carried for a Call of one and a half *per Cent.* on the capital Stock, *&c.*

It is written from *Petersburgh* the 27th ult. O S. That on the Day before a Fire broke out at *Cronstadt*, which in a short Time consumed near 400 Houses, which chiefly belonged to Persons dependent on the Navy. The Plenty of Timber in the Neighbourhood of that Place induces People to build their Houses of Wood, which is the Reason of such frequent Devastations by Fire in that Country.

Dublin, July 15. We hear that last Night a Sark from *Newry* with nine Passengers, three Men and six Women, founder'd and sunk in our Bay, and that the Crew and Passengers were all lost except the Master and one more.

Commitments. On Thursday a Man and two Women were committed to *Newgate*, for a Robbery on the Highway. ——And Yesterday a Woman, who own'd herself an Accomplice in the said Robbery, was committed to *Bridewell*, in order to be made an Evidence against them.——A Man the same Day was committed to *Newgate*, for an Assault on a Girl of 16, with an Intent to ravish her.

Marriage. Yesterday Mr. *Bernardiston*, of *Brightwell-Hall* in *Suffolk*, was married to Miss *Jennings*, Niece to the Lady *Probyn*, a Lady of a great Fortune.

Death. On Wednesday died at *Sev'noak* in *Kent*, Capt. *John Darby*, an experienc'd Officer on Half-pay.

MONDAY, *July* 24.

On Friday last her Majesty was pleased to order that the Parliament which stands prorogued to Thursday the 27th of this Instant, should be further prorogued to Thursday the 12 Day of *October* next.

Yesterday two Deacons were ordained by the Bishop of St. *David's*, in the Royal Chapel at St. *James's*.

On Saturday Morning her Majesty, the Prince of *Wales*, and the three eldest Princesses on Horseback, attended by a numerous Train of the Nobility, took the Diversion of hunting the Stag in the new Park at *Richmond*. The Chace

lasted about two Hours. Her Majesty and the Royal Family came in at the Death of him. They afterwards dined at *Richmond*. And in the Evening the Prince, the Duke, and the Princesses *Caroline*, *Mary*, and *Louisa*, went to the Theatre there, and saw a Comedy called the *Careless Husband*; and about Eleven at Night her Majesty, with the whole Royal Family, returned to *Kensington*, escorted by a Guard of Horse-Grenadiers. Her Majesty has declared her Intention of hunting Wednesdays and Saturdays during the Season.

On Saturday Morning a Gentleman's Servant near *Billingsgate*, dressing an unruly Horse, receiv'd a Kick on the Breast, of which he died on the Spot.

Yesterday in the Afternoon two Boys were drowned as they were washing in the *Thames* near *Privy-Garden* Stairs.

The same Morning *John Venner*, a Porter, who ply'd at the *Inner-Temple* Gate, came to the *White-Horse* at *Fleet-Ditch*, and said his Wife was dead, desiring at the same Time to lie down; as he was known to the People of the House, they let him go up Stairs, when about an Hour after he was discover'd hanging against one of the Windows. In the Evening the Coroner's Inquest sat on the Body, and brought in their Verdict *Lunacy*.

Robberies. On Saturday in the Evening two Foot pads robbed several People in *Fig-Lane* near *Pancrass* and *Hampstead* Road, particularly two Gentlemen and a Lady in a Hackney-Coach, from whom they took about 4 l.——Last Friday Night some Rogues broke into a Shoe-maker's Shop on *Snow-Hill*, and robbed the said Shop of Shoes to the Value of about 6 l.——A Gentleman and Lady in a Chair robb'd near *Ponder's-End* by one Highwayman, of a Gold Watch, seven Guineas, and some Silver.

Commitment. A Boy to the *Gatehouse*, *Westminster*, on Suspicion of a Robbery in *Chelsea-Fields*.

Marriage. *Thomas Jennings*, Esq; a Relation of Sir *John Jennings's*, was married last Friday to Mrs. *Anne Canjo*, a Widow Lady of 16,000 l. Fortune.

Deaths. On Friday last died at *Walthamstow* in *Essex*, *Samuel Havnot*, Esq; in the 71st Year of his Age, Lieutenant Colonel of the first Regiment of the *Tower* Hamlets.——Yesterday Mr. *Evans*, a Peruke-maker, who had the Misfortune to be bit by a mad Dog some Time ago, died raving mad, notwithstanding all possible Means was used for his Recovery.——Last Night died at *Islington* Mrs. *Hyde*, Wife of Mr. *Hyde*, a noted Vintner at the *Angel* and *Crown* in *Spittle-fields*.

TUESDAY, *July* 25.

On Friday last Mr. *John Spackman*, and Mr. *Henry Faure*, lately appointed the *South-Sea* Company's Factors at *Buenos Ayres*, in the room of Mr. *John Browne*, Mr. *John Cox*, Mr. *Azariah Savile*, and Mr. *Robert Hilton*, who are recalled, took their Leaves of the Court of Directors, in Order to embark on board the *Assiento*, Capt. *James Pierce*, who sails to Morrow from *Gravesend* with Stores, *&c.* for the Company's Negroes at *Buenos Ayres*. We hear the said Court of Directors have now under Consideration a Proposal for farming their Right of importing Negroes into the *Spanish West-Indies*, but it's believed for many Reasons that the same will be rejected, the Directors having by several late prudent Measures, in all Probability put a Stop to all clandestine Trade, so that 'tis not doubted but they will reap much greater Advantage from their Trade than they have ever yet done.

On Thursday last the Assizes ended at *Winchester*, for the County of *Southampton*, when one Man was capitally convicted, for stealing 50 l. out of a Dwelling House; and four were order'd for Transportation.

Last Week the Lady *Barbara Leigh*, Wife of the Hon. *Charles Leigh*, Esq; Brother of the Lord *Leigh*, and Sister to the Earl of *Scarborough*, was over-turned in her Coach and six Horses in *Bedfordshire*, by which her right Arm was broken, but it being well set, there are great Hopes of her Recovery.

On Sunday a Man going to wash in the *Reservoir* in *Marybone-Fields*, was drowned.

Last Saturday one *Warner Locket*, a Japanner in *Foster-Lane*, was drowned at *Puddle-Dock*.

Yesterday Morning about Two o'Clock a Fire broke out at a House in St. *Helen's* Gate-way in *Bishopsgate-street*, which intirely consumed the Inside of the House; but by the timely Assistance of the Firemen and Neighbours, it was happily extinguished without doing any farther Damage.

Edinburgh, *June* 17. The Close of last Week the Governor of *Damascus* set out hence on his Return home.——Last Thursday we had a prodigious Storm of Wind and Rain here, and by the blowing off some Slates from the Houses a poor Woman was killed.

Robberies. Mr. *Charlishud*, an eminent Surgeon in *Blackman-street*, *Southwark*, was robbed on Sunday Evening on *Black-Heath* by a single Highwayman.——Yesterday Morning two Coaches going for *Dover* with some *French* Gentlemen to embark for *Calais*, were robbed on *Black-Heath* also, by a single Highwayman, who took about 80 l. out of their Portmanteaus. The Neighbourhood was soon alarm'd, and he was traced into *Deptford*, but there lost.——The same Morning Mr. *Lawrence*, the Earl of *Litchfield's* Cook, coming to Town from his Lordship's Seat near *Oxford*, was attacked by two Highwaymen on *Stoken-Church Hill*: But he drew his Hanger and engaged them; they fir'd two Pistols at him but miss'd him: He cut one of them cross the Face and Scull with such Force as broke the Edge of his Hanger, upon which they made off. Mr. *Lawrence* upon his coming into *Wickham* in so odd a Plight with his Cloathes torn and all bloody, was seized for a Highwayman, and carried before a Magistrate, where he made Affidavit who he was, and of the Circumstances that had befallen him; upon which he was discharged, and several Persons set out after the Highwaymen. Mr. *Lawrence* after he had refreshed himself set forward on his Journey, but before he left the Place had the Pleasure to hear that one of the Rogues, who was wounded, had been taken up for dead, and was carried to a neighbouring Town to have his Wounds dressed.

Commitments. Yesterday a Man was committed to *Newgate*, for stealing a Mare Value 7 l.——Two Women to the same Jail, for picking a Gentleman's Pocket of his Watch and Money.

Preferments. Sir *Adolphus Houghton*, Bart. Member of Parliament for the City of *Coventry*, and Major *Sinclaire*, Member of Parliament for the Boroughs of *Dysart*, *Kirkaldie*, &c. are nominated to succeed to the Command of the two Regiments of Foot on the *Irish* Establishment, vacant by the Deaths of Major-General *Dubourgay*, and Col. *Egerton*.——Her Majesty has signed a Commission appointing *Diego Spencer*, Esq; to be Captain-Lieutenant of a Company in a Regiment of Foot on the *Irish* Establishment.—— On Saturday last Mr. *Nichols*, an eminent Brewer and Malster in St. *Alban's*, was chosen Mayor of that Corporation for the Remainder of the Year ending at *Michaelmas*, in the room of Mr. *Stone*, who died the Saturday before in the 82d Year of his Age. He was the first Mayor that has died in his Mayoralty in about the Course of 150 Years.

Marriages. *Edward Perkins* of *Pillstone* in the County of *Monmouth*, Esq; was married last Sunday to Miss *Winterbourn*, Niece to the Countess of *Abercorne*, a Fortune of 20,000 l.——*Edward Powis* of *Salop*, Esq; to Miss *Self*, at *Bristol*, a Lady of a great Fortune.

Deaths. On Wednesday last died at *Lewes* in *Sussex* the Widow *Morton*, who has left a considerable Fortune to her two Nieces.——Her Grace the senior Dutchess Dowager of *Gordon*, at her Lodgings in the *Abbey-Hill* in *Scotland*.—— Yesterday died *John Lane*, Esq; at his House in *Lincoln's-Inn-Fields*, reputed worth 200,000 l.——On Sunday last died Miss *Galloway*, Daughter to the Right Hon. the Lord *Galloway*, of the Kingdom of *Ireland*.

WEDNESDAY, *July* 26.

Yesterday there was a Board of Treasury held at the *Cockpit*, *Whitehall*, when the Commissioners of the Land-Tax attended their Lordships, and passed their Accounts.

The same Day the Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of St. *David's* ordain'd two Priests at the Royal Chapel at St. *James's*.

Also the same Day a Man's Body was taken up at *Black-Fryers* Stairs, his Name was *Lockwood*, how he came drowned is not known, he has been missing from his Family three Weeks.

Yesterday between One and Two o'Clock in the Afternoon a Fire broke out in the Cook Room of the *St. Paul*, of *Hamburgh*, *Isaac Peterson* Capt. lying off *Tower-Wharf*, taking in Goods for *Hamburgh*. It happened at Highwater, and tho' she was the second Ship in the Teer of six, most of them *Hamburghers*, she was soon got out without damaging any of them. She had on board some Copperas, Oil, and a few other Goods, some of which were saved; and the Ship, after burning her Rigging, and a great Part of her Hull abaft, was sunk to prevent the Fire from spreading any farther.

The same Day a Proclamation was publish'd prohibiting his Majesty's Subjects from trading to the *East-Indies* contrary to the Liberties and Privileges granted to the *East-India* Company, and from being unlawfully concerned in any foreign Companies trading thither.

Yesterday was held a Board of Admiralty, when their Lordships admitted several superannuated Seamen into *Greenwich* Hospital.

The same Day being St. *James's* Day, her Majesty gave a Buck, *&c.* to the Clerks belonging to the Pay-Master General, at the *Bedford-Head* Tavern in *Southampton-street*, *Covent-Garden*.

On Thursday last one *William Wardell*, a Heel-maker at *Hull*, stabbed his Wife in two Places in the Breast with a Knife, of which she immediately died, and he fled, but was soon taken, committed to the Town Jail, and put in Irons.

Commitment. Yesterday a Man was committed to *Newgate*, being charged with a Robbery on the Highway.

Deaths. On Saturday died at her House in *Little Chelsea* Mrs. *Astley*, a Widow Lady of a considerable Fortune, 7000 l. of which she has bequeathed to a Nephew and a Niece.——The same Night died at the *Bath* Mrs. *Sloane*, Wife to *William Sloane*, Esq; and Daughter of Sir *Gilbert Heathcote*.——Capt. *Dickens*, formerly Capt. of an *India* Man, died Yesterday, at his Habitation at *Bell-Dock*.

THURSDAY, *July* 27.

Yesterday the Right Honourable the Lord Mayor accompanied by several of the worshipful Aldermen of this City, held a Court of Conservancy for the River of *Thames* at *Putney* and *Fulham*, and afterwards dined at the *Rea-Lion* in *New Brentford*.

We hear the Right Hon. the Lord Viscount *Gage* waited on the Lords of the Treasury last Week, in relation to some Matters that had occurr'd, touching the Management of the late Earl of *Derwentwater's* Estate since the last Enquiry.

We hear that the Pension of the Lord *Lilford*, a Native of *France*, has lately been considerably augmented.

Yesterday Morning *Robert Element*, alias *Country Bob*, was executed at *Tyburn*. *Daniel Tipping*, the other Person who was in the Dead Warrant, having obtained a Reprieve.

On Tuesday the Assizes ended at *Hertford* before the Hon. Baron *Carter*, when three Men received Sentence of Death for Deer-stealing.

They write from *Shields*, that on the 13th Inst. at Five in the Morning the *Olive-berry* of *Whitby*, Capt. *Thomas Hoult* Master, who had loaded Coals in *Sunderland* Road, was, by Stress of Weather, forced to the Mouth of that Harbour, where she unfortunately struck upon the Rock called *Sparrow Hawk*, and in a few Minutes sunk; and that the Master and all the Ship's Company perished, the Sea running high with a strong Wind at E.

Yesterday the Company of his Majesty's Ship the *Gibraltar* were paid their Short-Allowance Money, at the Pay-Office in *Broad-street*.

Last Tuesday a Carpenter and his Wife in *Mayham-street*, *Westminster*, having some high Words, he took out his Penknife and stabbed himself in the Breast; but the Wound did not prove mortal, and he is now under the Care of Mr. *Serjeant*, a Surgeon in the said Street.

The same Evening a Waiter at the Bowling Green at *Marybone* going into the Bason there to fetch out the Body of a Man that was drowned there last Saturday, sunk to the Bottom, and was drowned likewise.

Yesterday Morning a Boy of about seven Years old, Son of Mr. *Stainson* a Butcher in St. *James's-Market*, fell out of a Window at his Father's House in *Market-street*, and broke his Neck.

The same Day four Soldiers of the first Regiment of Foot-Guards were ty'd to the Halberts on the Parade in St. *James's-Park*, and receiv'd 200 Lashes each, for Neglect of Duty and other Misdemeanors.

Seven hundred Pounds are order'd to be paid out of the Treasury to the Persons concerned in apprehending *Valentine Robins*, *John Robins*, *Henry Barret*, *Joseph Charley*, *Richard Dangerfield*, *John Gillet*, and *Daniel Tipping*, who were condemned the last Sessions at the *Old Bailey*, for divers Robberies committed on the Highway, and in the Streets of *London*.

It is written from *Alicant* the 16th Inst. N. S. That 8000 Men will be left in *Oran*, that the rest of the Troops are soon expected at *Alicant* from thance, on whose Arrival the Transports are to be discharged, the Court being exceeding well satisfied with re-uniting *Oran* to the Crown of *Spain*; and that no other Expedition would be undertaken this Year.

They write from *Cadiz* the 15th Inst. N. S. That at the earnest Request of the Commerce the King had added a Man of War of 60 Guns to the *Flota*, which would retard the *Flota's* Departure for *La Vera Cruz* to the End of the Month, the Dispatching of which prevented the Officers from delivering out the Treasure brought from *Porto Bello* by the *Capitana* of the last Galleons.

Robbery. Yesterday in the Afternoon one Highwayman well mounted robb'd three Hackney-Coaches one after the other, coming from *Hamstead* near *Bellsize-House*.

Commitment. A Man Yesterday to the *New-Goal* in *Southwark*, on Suspicion of having committed several Robberies on the Highway.

Preferments. Mr. *Parkhurst* is appointed by the Earl of *Hallifax* one of the Clerks of the Treasury, in the room of Mr. *Seager*, deceased.——*Robert Pauncefort*, Esq; Sollicitor-General to his Royal Highness the Prince of *Wales*, has granted a Deputation of the Stewardship of the Manor of *Kennington* to Mr. *Thomas Harris*, Attorney at Law at *Darking* in *Surrey*.——*Joseph Richardson*, Gent. is made Ensign in the Hon. Col. *Lucas's* Regiment of Foot.

Marriages. Yesterday was married a Gentlewoman upwards of 60 Years of Age and a plentiful Fortune, to a Person of 25 Years of Age, at the Chapel in *Coventry-Court* in the *Hay-Market*.——The same Day —— *Harris*, Esq; of *Devon* in *Hampshire*, was married to a young Gentlewoman of that Town, at the Royal Chapel at St. *James's*.

Deaths. Mr. *Billings*, Alderman of *Bath*, died at that City the 19th Inst.——Sir *John Maxwell*, of *Polhick*, Bart. died the 4th Inst. at *Edinburgh*.——The Wife of Mr. *Browning* a noted Brewer in St. *John's-street*, died last Sunday.—— Yesterday died at *Clapton* Mr. *Salter*, formerly an eminent Merchant of this City.——The same Day died in *Bow-street*, *Covent-Garden*, Mr. *Staples*, formerly an eminent Woolen-Draper in the *Strand*.——On Monday last died at his Lodgings near *Hammersmith*, *Peregrine Nevil*, Esq;

FRIDAY, *July* 28.

Yesterday was held a Court of Common Council, when the Committee appointed by the former Court, to consider what might be a proper Satisfaction to the Lord Mayor and Sheriffs, in lieu of the Perquisites usually arising on the Sale of the Place of Keeper of *Newgate*, and how the Place should be disposed of for the future, made their Report, containing in Substance:

That the said Place ought not to be sold.

That the Sheriffs for the Time being ought not to have the Appointment of a Keeper for the Time of their Sheriffalty.

That the Sum of 1000*l.* should be given to the present Lord Mayor and Sheriffs. And,

That a Committee of six Aldermen and 12 Commoners should be annually chosen to inspect into the Keeper's Behaviour, and the State of the Goal, and to make their Reports to the Court of Common-Council, who should dismiss the Keeper at Pleasure.

Which Report being read, a Motion was made for the Court's agreeing with the Committee, but great Debates arose, which lasted above two Hours; when a Motion was made for reading the Report Paragraph by Paragraph, and agreed to, on a Division among the Commoners 77 to 59, which Paragraphs were severally agreed to, except the last, for abridging the Power of the Court of Aldermen, on which the Court divided, *viz.* in the Common-Council for agreeing to it 70, for rejecting it 57. There were, beside the Lord Mayor, 15 Aldermen present, who were all for rejecting it, so that the Number against it was 72, to the 70 for it. And the same Committee was continued, and ordered to prepare a Bill on the foregoing Resolutions. The Aldermen of the Committee are,

Sir Gilbert Heathcote,	John Barnard, Esq;
Sir Richard Brocas,	Sir Thomas Lombe,
John Barber, Esq;	John Salter, Esq;

Yesterday the Coroner's Inquest sat on the Body of *George Elliot* (Box-Keeper to the Groom-Porters, and also Green-Keeper at *Marybone* Bowling-Green) who was last Tuesday drowned in the Reservoir at *Marybone*, in attempting to take another Person out who had been drowned in the said Reservoir, which was occasion'd by the Weeds twisting about his Legs as he was swimming; and brought in their Verdict *Accidental*.

The Affair between the Duke of *Richmond* and Farmer *Heberdeen* of *Chichester*, in relation to the Verdict of 2000*l.* given tothe Duke for Words spoken by the said Farmer against his Grace, is, we hear, composed upon certain Conditions.

Last Tuesday came on a Tryal at *Buckingham* Assizes before the Lord Chief Baron, between the *Charitable Corporation*, and the Assignees of Bankruptcy of Mr. *George Robinson*; when it was found that Mr. *Robinson* was no Dealer, nor liable to become a Bankrupt, so a Verdict went against the Assignees.

Yesterday about Noon the Right Hon. the Lord Chancellor went to the Parliament House, where both Houses met pursuant to their Prorogation, and his Lordship, by Virtue of a Commission from her Majesty, farther prorogued them to the 12th of *October* next.

The same Day the Right Hon. Sir *Robert Walpole* gave a grand Entertainment to several Persons of Distinction, at his House at *Chelsea*.

Robbery. On Tuesday last Sir *Francis St. John* and *Walter St. John*, Esqs his Brother, were robbed by a single Highwayman on *Wimbleton-Common*, of their Watches and Money.

Commitment. A Man was committed to *Newgate*, Yesterday, being charged with an Assult with an intent to commit the detestable Sin of Sodomy; and we hear Informations are given and Warrants issued against several Persons for Practices of the same horrid Kind.

Preferments. Yesterday the Lord Steward of the Household was pleas'd to appoint Mr. *Alphonso Calleau*, the Duke of *Grafton*'s Confectioner, to be one of the Yeomen of his Majesty's Confectionary, with a Salary of 30 *l. per Ann.* in the room of Mr. *John Ducommin* deceased.——The Rev. Mr. *Richard Watts* is presented to the Vicarage of *Wigton* in *Northumberland*, void by the Death of the Rev. Mr. *Tho. Perry*.

Deaths. On Tuesday last died at *Bath*, the Lady *Douglas*, Relict of Sir *William Douglas*, late Member for *Cardigan* in *South-Wales*.——*Theophilus Jordain*, Esq; died Yesterday at his House at *Mile-End*.

Bankrupts. James Goodrich, of *Sutterton* in *Lincolnshire*, Chapman.——*Robert Bradford*, of *Exon*, Vintner.——*Richard Trigge*, late of *Bristol*, Wine-Cooper.——*John Cazalet*, late of *Hoxton-Square*, and now of St. *George*'s in *Southwark*, Merchant.——*John Goodwin*, now or late of *Newbury* in *Berkshire*, Broker and Chapman.——*Thomas Kedington*, late of *Glemsford* in *Suffolk*, Common Brewer.——*John Pearsal*, late of *Bristol*, Ironmonger.——*Thomas Stevens*, late of *Wisbeck*, now of *London*, Merchant.——*Robert Metcalfe*, of *Threadneedle-street*, *London*, Bricklayer.——*William Richard Morier*, of *London*, Broker and Chapman.

SHIP NEWS.

Portsmouth, July 26. Yesterday *arrived* the Southampton, of and for this Port, from Amsterdam. *Sailed* the Charles and Ann, Goddin, for London from Malaga; the Fountain, Reid, for Dantzick; and this Morning the Queen of Portugal, Gerrard King, for Lisbon for London; and the Coronation, Howard, with Flour for Guernsey.

Deal, July 26. The Stockport, Bonner, for Boston, *sailed* Yesterday. *Arrived* the Dickey, Friend, from Cadiz. No Ship in the Downs. Wind W.N.W.

Gravesend, July 26. *Arrived* the Submission, Henry Birch, from Dantzick; the Loyal Judith, Atkins Coultis, from Stockholm; the Townshend, Henry Kilham, from Rotterdam; the Arthur and Sarah, Henry Simpson, and the Jane, John Heath, from Norway; and the Mercury, Gidley Burges, from Denia. The Hart Frigate, George Hurt, from London, is *arrived* in Maryland.

FOREIGN NEWS.

Hague, July 18. N. S.

THE *French* Ministers still declare, where-ever they come, that the King their Master is so far from liking or approving of the *Pragmatick Sanction*, that he will oppose it with all his Forces whenever the Case happens; especially, if the *Imperial* Court should pretend to heap all its Advantages upon the Head of a Prince born a Vassal to his most *Christian* Majesty, who will not suffer a Vassal of his to be raised to a Dignity superior to his own: That let the Scheme and the Views of the *Imperial* Court be what they will, whether they regard the Duke of *Lorrain* that now is, or his presumptive Heir, still he is a Vassal of *France*; and the Minute he shews that he aspires to the *Imperial* Diadem without the King's Consent, his Majesty will seize his Duchy, and annex it to his Crown; for that otherwise, *Lorrain* becoming a Member of the Empire, the *German* Nation might at any Time penetrate into the very Heart of *France*, who has not yet forgot what she has suffered from the *Lorrains* and the *Bourguignons*, and will never again expose herself to the like Misfortunes. Thus let Affairs take what Turn they will, all the Precautions that have been taken to guaranty the *Pragmatick Sanction* will not be able to prevent a most cruel and bloody War, whenever it shall please God to take the Emperor to himself. It is true, *Great Britain* needs not concern herself in this Affair any farther than she has a Mind: She is an Island, and fears nothing; but her Allies cannot be excused upon the same easy Terms; and her Allies once swallowed up by *France*, what will become of her? especially if *Spain* goes on to augment her Navy with the same Rapidity she has done for some Years past. We have been greatly surprized here with the News, that two private Gentlemen have put an End to the Dispute about the Succession to the late King *William*'s Estate, which could not be terminated since the Death of that Prince, between Kings of *Prussia*, Father and Son, and the Prince of *Orange*: But the Prince being lately come of Age, Messieurs *Lincius* and *Duncan*, Counsellors respectively to the King and the Prince, revived a Plan which was drawn up above six Years ago by Messieurs *Meynderstagen* and *Vultejus*, but did not take Effect, by Reason of the Minority of the Prince, and because the King of *Prussia* insisted that their High-Mightinesses, as his Guardians, should guaranty the Execution of the Articles. The Prince's being at Age, has removed that Difficulty, and the Accommodation is now signed and sealed. Does this give a Pleasure to their High-Mightinesses, the *Hollanders* and *Zealanders*? I will leave you to guess: But certainly the young Prince now wants nothing but a Wife. Will the House of *E——d* give him one? Or will they let him go to *Berlin* for one? It concerns the Court of *G——t E——n*, the States-General, and more particularly the *Hollanders*, to consider which of those two Alliances suits their Interest best: But *periculum est in mora, Delays are dangerous.* Princes are wont to contract Marriages with more of Policy than Passion. *Potsdam* opens her Gates to one: The other flies perhaps towards St. *J——s*'s.

Turin, June 29. The *Spanish* Expedition does not greatly alarm us now, because we see it is designed against the *Infidels*; tho' we have received Advice from some of our Emissaries at *Madrid*, that the Court has formed the Design to re-unite several other States which formerly belonged to them, as soon as they have exterminated or made Slaves of the *Algerines*, those sworn Enemies to the *Spanish* Name. We are told for certain, that the most *Christian* King has engaged to support his *Catholick* Majesty in his Enterprizes; it being the Interest of those two Monarchs to lessen the Emperor's Power in *Italy*, and that of some other Prince, in order to raise the Grandeur and the Glory of the House of *Bourbon* above all the Princes of *Christendom*. The *French* King (we are told) has resolved to march a formidable Army into *Piedmont*, to set King *Victor*, his Grandfather, at Liberty: At least, this may serve him as a Pretence to get Footing in *Italy*. The King of *Sardinia*, in order to prevent the Mischiefs that threaten him, has augmented his Forces with some Regiments of *Swissers* and *Germans* furnished by the Emperor; and at the same Time he designs to get King *Victor* conducted to the Fort *de la Brunette*, to secure his Person, and prevent his putting himself at the Head of the *French* Army, and dethroning him, as he has projected. His *Sardinian* Majesty has ordered the History of his Father's Abdication, which was lately published in *English* at *London* by the Count *de P——*, to be printed here in *Italian*, and dispersed all over *Italy*, to justify his Conduct with Regard to King *Victor*, at the Courts of *Italy* and the Empire; and it is believed at our Court, that his Majesty will in a little while recall the Count *de P——* from his Exile, to be employed upon that Occasion, as a Person who has always been firmly attached to his Interests. Thus we expect the Affairs of *Italy*, but more particularly those of *Piedmont*, to be turned topsy-turvy; and wait the Event with an Impatience not to be expressed; beseeching the Almighty to protect our gracious and lawful Sovereign, who is as much beloved by his Subjects, as King *Victor* is hated, against the Attacks of all his Enemies.

Hague, July 15. N.S. The Republicks of *Barbary* are become very complaisant to the *French*, and offer them any Satisfaction, rather than they should join the *Spaniards*. Nay, if we are rightly informed, the Regencies of *Tunis* and *Tripoli* have gone farther yet, and represented, that as they have hitherto comported themselves towards the *French* Nation in a Manner that was agreeable to his Most Christian Majesty, so they were ready to make Treaties of Peace and Alliance with any Powers that Monarch should recommend, provided he would guaranty them against the Enterprizes of the *Spaniards*. To this the *French* Court have not yet returned a positive Answer; but we have it from good Hands, that they are inclined in the first place to demand a Breach of the Alliance which those Republicks have lately enter'd into with the Court of *Vienna*.

The Report of the King of *Prussia*'s Design to form a Camp this Year upon the Borders of *Berg* and *Juliers*, to be ready to maintain his Title to those Duchies, in Default of Male Issue of the *Palatine* Family, is very disagreeable to the Court of *France*, which have engaged to stand by the Claim of the House of *Sultzbach* with all their Forces. This is an Affair, which shares a good deal of their High-Mightinesses Attention also; for the Neighbourhood and Augmentation of the King of *Prussia*'s Forces are no trifling Things here, *Gelderland* lying so very near to those Duchies. And this we take to be the true Cause of our Camp's being ordered upon the Borders of *Gelderland*, but not in that Province, because the Prince of *Orange* should have no Pretence to command it, as he might by virtue of his Office of Stadtholder, if it were within the Jurisdiction of the Province of *Gelderland*; whereas now it is to be commanded by General *Hompesch*.

The Affair of the Arrest of the *Zeland* Ship at *Ostend*, makes a great Noise here. Their High-Mightinesses, backed by the Court of *England*, have taken a Resolution worthy Offended Sovereigns; and as the Archduchess arrested that Vessel without consulting the Court of *Vienna*, they insist upon her releasing her without waiting the Emperor's Answer. Mean time, the *Flushing* Men are fitting out Vessels to use Reprizals, and intercept every thing that offers to stir in or out of *Ostend*; and we hear their High-Mightinesses have ordered the Admiralties to continue in Commission the Men of War that cruize for the homeward bound *East-India* Ships, that they may be likewise employed in making Reprizals upon the Coasts of *Flanders*, if the reasonable Satisfaction, which has been demanded, be not granted. Count *Sinzendorff* is gone to *Carelsbad*: But before he set out, he declared that he would throw up his Employ, if a deaf Ear should be turned to his Remonstrances, and a just Satisfaction refused, where the Injury was so plain and notorious.

Rome, July 8. Signior *Philip Colonne*, *Roman* Prelate, Votant of the Signature of Justice, Secretary of the Congregation of the Frontiers, and Canon of St. *John de Lateran*, died the 2d Instant; and next Day the Pope disposed of his Office of Votant of the Signature to Signior *Marescelli*. Signior *Jacovazzi*, Fiscal of *Rome*, has resigned his Office to his Holiness. The Pope has caused to be placed in the Gallery of the Palace of the *Quirinal*, the different Plans which had been drawn by the most able Architects of *Italy*, for the Front of the new Portico of the Church of St. *John de Lateran*, to the End they may be exposed to the View of the best Judges in that Art, and that his Holiness may be able to chuse that which shall be most generally approv'd. The 3d in this Morning the Congregation of the Holy Office held their Assembly much longer than ordinary, and the Cardinals who composed it, went afterwards to pay a Visit to the Cardinal Secretary of State, who keeps his Bed with the Gout. The same Day was sent to *Civita Vecchia*, a Chain of 34 Criminals condemned to the Galleys; among whom is a *Maltese* Priest, who celebrates 5 or 6 Masses *per* Day. The *Ursuline* Nuns, who are come hither from Foreign Countries, have been admitted to kiss the Pope's Foot. Some Workmen digging in a Field be-

longing to the Chapter of St. *John* de *Lateran*, found there 4 Statues, an antient Column of Jaſper, the Sepulchral Urns, ſome Lamps of Earthen Ware, and ſeveral Medals of *Roman* Emperors. The 6th was held at the Palace of the *Quirinal*, a Conſiſtorial Congregation on the Affairs of *Poland*. The ſame Day a Courier arriv'd here, diſpatch'd by the Pope's Nuncio at *Venice*; and on Occaſion of his Diſpatches, which concern the Affair of the Ambaſſador at that Republick, Cardinal *Porzia* had a long Audience of the Pope. The young Duke de *Latini* was married the ſame Day, to *Dona Virginia Altieri*, in the Chapel of Cardinal *John Baptiſt Altieri*, who give them the Nuptial Benediction, and afterwards a magnificent Feaſt.

Vienna, July 16. The Envoy of *Tunis*, who ſollicits ſtrenuouſly to have Audience of Prince *Eugene*, and afterwards of the Emperor, we hear, has a Commiſſion to propoſe a Treaty of Commerce between that Regency and the Company ſettled at *Trieſte*. The Elector *Palatine* has cauſed to be preſented to the *Aulick Council*, a Memorial concerning his Pretenſions on the Dutchies of *Bergues* and *Juliers*; but it is believed the ſaid Council will decree nothing in that Affair, and that the Emperor will endeavour to accommodate it, by Way of Negotiation. We have received Advice, that Duke *Theodore*, Sovereign Prince of *Sultzbach*, of the Houſe of *Palatine*, died the 11th Inſtant, at *Duickelſpiel*, in the 74th Year of his Age, being born *Feb.* 5. 1659. This Prince married the 9th of *June*, 1692, *Maria Eleanora Amelia*, of *Heſſe Rhynfels Rottenbourg*, who died the 19th of *January*, 1720. The ſaid Prince left for Heir of his Eſtates, Prince *Joſeph Charles Emanuel* of *Sultzbach*, born *Mar.* 17, 1693, who married in 1717, *Sophia Auguſta*, Daughter of *Charles Philip*, Elector *Palatine*, who died in Childbed *Jan.* 30, 1728, by which Marriage there remains a Prince, born *June* 15, 1724.

Moſcow, July 24. N. S. Her *Imperial* Majeſty being reſolv'd to contribute every Thing that can any ways tend to the adorning and embelliſhing the Capital of the *Ruſſian* Empire, caus'd Publication to be made, that thoſe who are minded to build new Houſes in the principal Streets of this City, may apply to the Superintendant of the *Imperial* Buildings, who is order'd to receive their Plans, and procure them all poſſible Aſſiſtance, in order to enable them to purſue the ſame: Her *Imperial* Majeſty willing to encourage the Inhabitants of this Capital to build, reſolv'd to grant them an Exemption from all Taxes and Duties for the Space of ten Years, beſides other conſiderable Advantages, which it is not doubted will induce them to contribute on their Part all that is poſſible, to render the ſame one of the moſt magnificent in all *Europe*: The Government alſo has given Directions for augmenting and ſtrengthening the Fortifications of this City, and a Garriſon of 12,000 Men 'tis ſaid will conſtantly be kept here for a Guard to the *Imperial* Family.

Berlin, July 26. N. S. His *Pruſſian* Majeſty ſets out To-morrow for a Hunting-Seat (eight Miles this Side *Prague*, the Capital of the Kingdom of *Bohemia*) ſituated towards the Frontiers of *Sileſia*, where his Majeſty is to have the firſt of the enſuing Month an Interview with the Emperor, from which ſome promiſe themſelves much Good, particularly concerning the Intereſt of the *Proteſtant* Religion, which his *Pruſſian* Majeſty has above all other Things moſt at Heart.

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